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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Congressman Tom Foley (D) Washington

I met Congressman Foley last night and in the course of our conversation he mentioned that as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee he was very much impressed with the accuracy of the CIA reporting on Soviet agriculture. He observed that the Agency had been much closer to identifying the extent of the shortfalls in Soviet agriculture than our Department of Agriculture. He expressed the hope that none of the recent criticism of the Agency would do any damage to our capabilities. I mentioned that I recently attended a briefing conducted by that office within the Agency that keeps Soviet agriculture production under review and had been impressed by the ingenuity of the estimating techniques. Congressman Foley said that he and a couple of members of his staff might want to receive such a briefing if it was possible to arrange it and that he might call me about this. I said I would be happy to do what I could and would wait to hear from him.

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